IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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Title: AIR FILTER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to prosecution on the merits, please amend this application as follows herein.

In the Specification

Please insert the following heading and paragraph after the title of the application on page 1 of the specification:

-- Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application is a national phase application based on PCT/GB00/02878, filed July 26, 2000, and which further claims priority from British Application No. 9919127.2, filed August 13, 1999. These applications in their entirety are incorporated herein by reference.--

In the Claims

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

3. An air-filter as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polymeric biguanide is a mixture of linear polymeric biguanides having a recurring polymer chain represented by Formula (4):

